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FOR HEUBERT FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AS A RESULT OF EMBASSY FIRE, JACK SONTAG, WIFE AND CHILD, WERE ASKED BY JACK MATLOCK TO HOLD OFF THEIR PLANNED SEPTEMBER 3 RETURN TO MOSCOW FOR UP TO SIX WEEKS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT SONTAG HAS JUST RENTED HIS HOUSE AND THE DELAY CAUSES CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL DIFFICULTY. REALIZE YOU MAY HAVE ALL HOUSING OCCUPIED, BUT WANTED TO CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO USE SONTAG'S SERVICES THERE IN LENINGRAD UNTIL HE CAN REPORT BACK TO MOSCOW. HE WOULD PREFER TO BRING WIFE AND CHILD, BUT WOULD BE PREPARED ALTERNATIVELY TO COME WITHOUT FAMILY. WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT SONTAG CAN CONSIDER HIS OPTIONS.

2. I BELIEVE YOUR CABLE WAS PASSED TO TOM AND I HAD
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THOUGHT HE SENT A RESPONSE, BUT THE OFFICER WHO HANDLED IT IS NOT HERE AND WE NEED ANOTHER DAY TO TRACK IT DOWN. I BELIEVE TOM IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE OCTOBER 3 IN MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATION BEFORE GOING ON TO LENINGRAD, BUT WILL CONFIRM THIS AFTER WE TRACK DOWN THE FILE. TOM HAS GONE OFF TO FRANCE AND GARMISCH AND IS THEREFORE RATHER OUT OF TOUCH.
CHRISTOPHER

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